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Hot Doc: Science.gov Announces Spanish Version, Multimedia, and Enhanced Search Features

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Washington D.C – Science agencies across the U.S. federal government announced today the launch of the Spanish version of Science.gov, <http://ciencia.science.gov>. [Ciencia.Science.gov](http://ciencia.science.gov) provides the same breadth and depth in science search as does Science.gov, covering over 200 million pages of authoritative U.S. government science information including research and development results from 17 organizations within 13 federal science agencies. Free access is provided to over 55 scientific databases and more than 2,100 selected scientific web sites. Integrating Microsoft's Translator, Spanish-language queries to [Ciencia.Science.gov](http://ciencia.science.gov) initiate searches of U.S. databases and web sites with results appearing in Spanish. This represents an innovative use of existing commercial technology to broaden public access to federal science information.

"Congratulations to all the federal science agencies involved in Science.gov for making the best government science data accessible to the millions of Spanish-speaking Americans across our country," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. ***"I encourage students, teachers, researchers, engineers and members of the public to take advantage of the new Spanish version of this valuable federal science portal."*** The [Ciencia.Science.gov](http://ciencia.science.gov) web site will help increase the vital role of U.S. scientific information in education, innovation and discovery, and will help encourage Latino communities to promote careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

In addition to offering expanded access to the Spanish-speaking public, Science.gov now includes new multimedia content and additional features to help users find the science information they need. For the first time, R&D video is available from the Department of Energy (DOE), MedlinePLUS (NIH), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, (NASA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Images from the Library of Congress have been added to the image search that is now integrated under a new multimedia tab on the results page. Search enhancements include visual representations of topical information in an easy-to-use touch and dial format.

The Science.gov Alliance will highlight these and other achievements in its 10th Anniversary celebration in December.

"The Alliance has worked hard to make this a significant interface update and the new navigation will help the public find the science information they need," said Tina Gheen of the Library of Congress, and Science.gov Alliance chair. Annie Simpson of the U.S. Geological Survey, and Science.gov Alliance co-chair, said, "This federal interagency information portal, now 10 years strong, continues to improve public access to federal science information products."

The interagency Science.gov Alliance – which governs Science.gov – includes the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, the Interior, and Transportation; the Environmental Protection Agency, the Library of Congress, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Archives and Records Administration, and the National Science Foundation. These agencies represent 97 percent of the federal R&D budget.

The Science.gov web site is hosted by the DOE Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI), within the Office of Science.

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